

Introduction

This newsletter is distributed by e-mail to district personnel, area alders, neighborhood groups and other interested citizens. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about police incidents, community events and general police operations and will focus mostly on events taking place in the East Police District.

The mailing list of recipients has been developed from a variety of sources and I again encourage everyone to send me addresses of anyone else that you may hear of that is interested in receiving the newsletters.

EAST POLICE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The East Police District is one of five geographical areas served by the Madison Police Department. The East District coverage area extends from Lien Road (south of East Towne Mall) on the north to the McFarland Village limits on the south. The west boundary is Lake Monona including the Division St and Olbrich Park area all the way east to the City limits east of Sprecher Road.

Greetings,

Do you ever see a convergence of police in your neighborhood and wonder what happened? Please feel free to call or email me with the time, date and location. I will be happy to let you know why police were in the area. My email is jkclubertanz@cityofmadison.com.

If you have any general questions about policing or our policies that you would like to see answered in the newsletter for everyone, please email them to me.

Captain Jill Klubertanz

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS

East District Commanders invite you to complete the below online survey about your neighborhood and police services in the east district. If you live or work in the east district, please click on the link below and share your thoughts.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8qV4s7k4cNCsmtBn7_2foCjw_3d_3d

We will keep the survey open for about 2 weeks.

BURGLARIES, THEFTS, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY REPORTS (Reported in July)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Vondron Rd, 7/3
- Splint Rd., 7/10
- Oak St., 7/10
- Cottage grove Rd., 7/23
- N. Marquette St., 7/24
- Ironwood Dr., 7/24
- Richard St., 7/27, change out of unlocked car in garage.

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- Acacia La. 7/28
- St. Paul Ave, 7/29
- N. Thompson Dr. , 7/31, purse out of unlocked car in unlocked garage

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 4509 Cottage Grove Rd, Stark Realty, 7/5 N. Walbridge, 7/12, underground parking area, vehicles broken into.
- 2165 Linden Ave, Zion Lutheran Church, 7/24
- 601 Tompkins Dr. Unity Church Of Madison, 7/26
- 4702 Helgesen Dr. Advantage Freight Systems , 7/29 , semi-trailers had contents stolen.
- 3722 Commercial Av. Madison Truck Sales Inc. , 7/30
- 4017 Owl Dr, Bassett Mechanical, 7/30

THEFTS

- Theft From Auto, Dominion Dr., 7/4
- Theft from Auto, Major Av, 7/4
- Theft from Auto, Wittwer Rd., 7/7
- Theft from Auto, N. Thompson Dr. , 7/9

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- Aztalan Dr, 7/7, windows broken out of car Ironwood Dr., 7/15, damaged car

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

- On 7/2 at 2 am, a resident on Cheery Av. heard noise outside of her bedroom window. Saw male looking into her window. He had moved one of her patio chairs to stand on. Man described as a black male, late 20's, thin, 5'8", short curly hair, mustache.

JUVENILES WITH LOOK ALIKE GUN

- On July 22, an officer was driving down Milwaukee St. when she saw 2 boys about 11 yrs old sitting in lawn chairs on the front yard. One of them was holding a handgun. The boy was holding the gun in both hands, extended with straight arms as if aiming at something. The officer stopped a short distance away, called for additional officers and began to work her way back toward the address while staying behind cover. When she returned to the front yard the boys were gone. By checking the at the house, she learned the resident's son had been outside with a friend. They handgun she saw was actually an air soft gun. The boy claimed he was unable to identify his friend. He was charged with disorderly conduct. The air soft gun was confiscated.
- On July 13, officers responded to a report of a juvenile carrying a handgun. A 12 yr old boy was contacted. He stated he had his BB gun outside earlier. His parent was unaware he had the gun outside without their permission.

VICTIM OF GUNSHOT WOUND FILES FALSE COMPLAINT

- In early July, a 15 yr old boy was brought into the emergency room by his mother for a gunshot wound to his leg. The boy gave a detailed story about how he had been approached by a Hispanic male in a car who asked him about his gang affiliation. The boy stated the Hispanic male shot him in the leg and fled the area. The detective was suspicious of the story based on the downward trajectory of the bullet wound. When the detective confronted the boy he admitted to accidentally shooting himself. The boy gave the

location of the trash can he threw the gun in. The gun could not be located. The boy eventually claimed he gave the gun to someone to dispose of, but would not identify the person. The boy also lied about the location of the pants he was wearing at the time of the shooting. The detective has asked that the D.A. file charges of obstructing the police against the boy. The gun has not been recovered.

FOUR ARRESTED AFTER ENTERING HIGH SCHOOLS

- On 7/12 at 4 am, officers responded to an alarm at LaFollette High School. They located 4 men, ages 17-19 exiting the building. The officers determined that the men had climbed onto the roof of the school and were able to make entry through a hatch. Approx. one and a half hours earlier, there had been an alarm at East High School. The men admitted to entering East High the same way. They stated they were "on an adventure" and only walked through the school and did not take any thing or do any damage. All were cited for Trespass to the schools.

BANK ROBBERY

- Occurred on 7/28 at the Associated Bank, 4407 Cottage Grove Rd. The robber asked an acquaintance to drive him to the bank. When the acquaintance realized the man had robbed the bank, he contacted police, but the robber had already fled. We were able to identify the robber when a teller recognized him from an earlier visit where he had conducted some business with the bank. The robber has recently been arrested in Florida attempting to rob a bank. Apparently he told someone he was going to rob the bank and that person notified the police.

CITIZEN CALLS IN SOUND OF BREAKING GLASS

- On 7/25, shortly after midnight, a resident in the area of Lowell School reported hearing the sound of breaking glass. Officers were able to locate a 4 juveniles and several broken bottles in the school lot. The juveniles ran and one 15 yr old was taken into custody. The juvenile was charged with underage drinking and a curfew violation.

CITIZEN HELPS RECOVER EVIDENCE

- On July 9, a masked man, armed with a handgun, robbed the Days Inn at 4402 E. Broadway. Another employee saw the suspect leaving the area and gave dispatch a description of the car. One of our officers saw the suspect car and stopped it. Evidence of the robbery was found in the car's trunk and the suspect was arrested.

The suspect told us that he threw the BB gun that he used in the robbery, along with other items, out the window of his car along Vondron. He said the gun and other items were in a white garbage bag. We were not able to locate the bag.

Lt. Strasburg made up a flyer indicating we were looking for this bag and that it contained evidence of a robbery. He asked residents to contact us if they had come across this bag. He and a patrol officer placed the flyers in doors along Vondron. Less than 8 hours later, a resident called us and stated he had found the bag and the gun earlier in the day. He thought it a little strange, but did not call at that time. After he got the flyer, he called us and we retrieved the evidence.

One example where sharing some information with the public helped an investigation.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH KIDS?

Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time job? As a Crossing Guard, you will be providing great service to your community as well as earning \$13.30 per hour plus retirement benefits. Health and life insurance are also available. The City of Madison is looking for interested people who enjoy working outdoors to provide

safety for our school children for the 2007-2008 school year.

Most shifts are 1 - 1-1/4 hours and fall between the hours of 7:00-8:45 a.m. and 2:30-4:00 p.m. with an earlier shift Monday afternoons. Work is scheduled Monday through Friday with no weekend work. Some flexibility is required due to early release dates.

For more information, please contact the City of Madison Police Dept. Traffic Bureau at 266-4703 (Bob Olson or Patti Knoche) or Human Resources at 266-4615. A job description and application is also available at: www.cityofmadison.com/hr/jobopen.html.

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

The officer involved shooting on July 15 was clearly a significant event for the East District and for our Department. It was a tragedy for everyone concerned. For the man who at that moment felt suicide was the only answer. An option that many of us struggle to understand having never been in the position to feel that death is the only way to escape the pain and struggles of life. For the officers who were drawn into the man's plan and ended up being forced to take his life. Officers who wanted only to serve this community and go home to their families at the end of the day. For the man's ex-wife, who watched the incident unfold, unable to change the course it was taking. For the man's adult children, who returned to a house cordoned off by police tape, and learned of their father's death.

It was an incident that touched so many additional lives. Residents who learned of a police shooting in their neighborhood. Neighbors who stood by and witnessed the incident. And it profoundly touched all of the officers in our Department. It became a reminder of the unpredictability of their every work day. It reminded them that serving and protecting this community carries the risk of having to take a life; the one thing every officer hopes they will never have to do. It reminded our officers and their families of how vulnerable they are as they rush to protect others.

It was an incident that caused me to hope that this community recognizes the job they ask their police officers to do. To recognize the risks their officers place themselves in to protect others. To recognize the life and death decisions that officers are expected to make in a matter of seconds. To recognize how extreme the expectations are for officers to be friendly neighborhood cops one minute and to respond to a threat to their lives the next. It caused me to ponder how the answers would compare if we all asked ourselves, "What's the worst thing that could happen to me at work today?"

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That's all for now. It's been a busy month, hence the lateness and shortness of the newsletter.

Be safe. Be careful.

Captain Jill Klubertanz
East Police District